

SUPERCritical FLUID EXTRACTION PROCESS FOR TISSUE PREPARATION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides methods for preparing tissue for incorporation
5 into xenografts and bioprosthetic devices. The methods of the invention make use of
supercritical fluids to remove infectious materials and chemical agents from tissues, as well
as to permeate a tissue with a chemical agent (*e.g.* tanning, cross-linking, and bioactive
agents).

10

s:\docs\patents\5627ecv amended.doc